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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO MINIMIZE THE FILING FEE

Dear Sir:

In order to minimize the filing fee, please amend the above identified patent application as follows before calculating the filing fee.

Referring to the Literal Translation of International Application PCT/JP01/05860

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 3 to 7 and 12.

Claims **1, 2 and 8 to 11** are maintained for calculating the filing fee.

REMARKS:

After calculating the filing fee, please further enter the accompanying Second Preliminary Amendment which introduces new claims **13 to 18** for examination.

Respectfully submitted,
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

After calculating the filing fee, but before the first examination, please amend the above identified application as follows.

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In the Claims:

Claims 1, 2 and 8 to 11 are maintained unchanged.

Claims 3 to 7 and 12 have previously been cancelled in applicants' First Preliminary Amendment.

Please enter new claims 13 to 18 as follows.